

## REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 14, 2005, claims 1, 5, 6-8 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,845,545) in view of Wronski (5,392,494); claims 2, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han et al. in view of Broghammer (U.S. Patent No. 3,421,1777); claims 3, 4, 11 and 12 were rejected under Han et al. in view of Feldberg (U.S. Patent No. 2,635,281); claims 1, 5, 6-8 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hottmann (U.S. Patent No. 5,027,473) in view of Wronski; claims 2, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hottmann in view of Broghammer; and claims 3, 4, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hottman in view of Feldberg. The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 5 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to include the features of cancelled claims 5 and 13.

Claims 1-4 and 6-12 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Han et al. does not qualify as prior art. A Verified English Translation of the priority document of the present invention, Korean Application No. 2003-53145 having a filing date of July 31, 2003, is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully request that Han et al. be removed.

Wronski discusses a window stay having a base, a window support, and a link, whereby a connection is formed on the base between a projection and an end cap (see FIGS. 1 and 3).

Broghammer discusses a hinge for doors or windows whereby a bushing is formed with a hole for grease inside a flange of the bushing (see column 2, lines 49-51).

Feldburg discusses an indexing hinge for pivotally mounting swing frames from fixed fixtures. Feldburg further discusses an enclosing cup retained in an assembled position by a hinge bolt to provide a leakproof compartment with the assembled parts of the hinge, to thereby allow lubricant to be permanently contained in the enclosing cup (see column 5, lines 36-45).

Hottman discusses a refrigerator door closer (i.e., a spring loaded closer) for a continuous closing action when the door passes a 90 degree position (see column 1, lines 31-36).

The Examiner admits that neither, Han et al. nor Hottman disclose "a cap fitted on an end of the hinge lever," as recited in claim 1, for example. However, the Applicants respectfully submit that none of the foregoing references, individually or combined, discuss "a cap fitted on an end of the hinge lever where the coupling hole is formed, wherein the cap has a slot at a side thereof to receive the hinge lever, and has upper and lower through-holes formed at upper and

lower walls of the cap to allow the auxiliary hinge shaft to pass therethrough," as recited in amended claim 1, for example.

Claim 6 has been amended to recite similar features as that of amended claim 1.

Therefore, any combination of the foregoing references fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness over the present invention.

Thus, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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